

1953



Annual Reports of the
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
New Hampshire



For the year ending
December 31, 1953



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOGETHER WITH THE
REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1953
AND THE
Vital Statistics For The Year 1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

JOHN P. WESTON

Selectmen

HARRY W. BROWN

CHARLES E. LINDSAY

Town Clerk

FREDERICK S. SHELDON

DONALD A. POWERS

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

Road Agent

HERBERT A. CURTIS

Tax Collector

JAMES H. BALCH

Library Trustees

PHILIP E. KNOWLES

RUTH A. CODY

MARY D. SHEA

Superintendent of Water Works

JOHN D. ARMSTRONG

Fire Wardens

IVON W. CLOUGH

GEORGE H. GRAY

PAUL G. TRAXLER

Forest Fire Warden
LAURENCE J. PARKER

Deputy Forest Fire Wardens
HERBERT A. CURTIS LAURENCE NEWHALL
EDWARD E. FRENCH PEARL J. WARREN

Supervisors of the Check List
EDWARD E. FRENCH PHILLIP E. KNOWLES
PAUL G. TRAXLER

Trustees of Trust Funds
JOHN P. WESTON PHILLIP E. KNOWLES
FREDERICK S. SHELDON

Overseer of Poor
ALFRED S. CHASE

Janitor of Town Hall
PAUL G. TRAXLER

Sexton
DELMAR E. NEWHALL

Water Commissioners
HARRY W. BROWN CHARLES E. LINDSAY
JOHN D. ARMSTRONG

Constable
FRANK CHIESA

Chief of Police
FRANK CHIESA

Special Police

EILEEN D. NEWHALL FRED HUGRON
JOHN DONNELLY

Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery

HARRY W. BROWN GEORGETTA BRYER
LAURENCE J. PARKER

Trustees of Sunnyside Cemetery

GEORGETTA BRYER LAURENCE J. PARKER

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

ERNEST E. WILSON LAURENCE J. PARKER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

LAURENCE J. PARKER

Dog Constable

LORENZO SMITH

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

(L. S.)

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day.
3. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
4. To see if the town will vote to accept State aid for class V roads and raise and appropriate money for the same.
5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.

6. To see what action the town will take in regards to real estate taken over by the town for non-payment of taxes.

7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$156.00 for the Monadnock Region.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase 200 ft. of 2½" hose.

9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for tarring.

10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Home Day.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to the sum of \$800.00 raised and appropriated last town meeting to move or improve the town dump.

12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be used in co-operation with State and Federal funds for the control of White Pine Blister within the confines of the town.

13. To see what action the town will take in regard to sidewalk construction and raise and appropriate money for the same.

14. To see what action the town will take in regard to buying a new portable forest fire pump and raise and appropriate money for the same.

15. To see what action the town will take in regard to joining the Firemen's Mutual Aid Association.

16. To see what action the town will take in regard to redecorating the interior of the town hall and raise and appropriate money for the same.

17. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the school district into effect.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this seventeenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
FREDERICK S. SHELDON,

Selectmen of Bennington.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
FREDERICK S. SHELDON,

Selectmen of Bennington.

B U D G E T

OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year

January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954

Compared with

Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures
of the Previous Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Prev. Year 1953	Actual Revenue Prev. Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Yr. 1954
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,262.19	\$1,301.36	\$1,301.36
Railroad Tax	167.09	165.61	165.61
Savings Bank Tax	156.84	173.91	173.91
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	800.00	29.50	
For Fighting Forest Fires		35.88	
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assist.		41.71	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	145.50	163.60	150.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	60.00	128.00	50.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Bldg's	131.50	64.00	100.00
Income from Trust Funds		1,130.00	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, incl. rental of truck	1,000.00	1,741.85	1,000.00
Income from Municipally owned Utilities:			
Water Departments	2,500.00	2,502.81	2,500.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,398.01	1,150.00
Misc. Income	100.00	353.86	100.00
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes @ \$2	462.00	492.00	480.00
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$7,785.12	\$9,722.10	\$7,170.88
Amount to be Raised by Prop. Taxes		53,332.91	53,359.08
Total Revenues			\$60,529.96
			Bennington 2

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Prev. Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Prev. Year 1953	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing yr. 1954
<i>Current Maintenance Expenses:</i>			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,300.00	1,348.74	\$1,350.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,400.00	1,424.51	1,500.00
Election and Registration Expenses	125.00	130.00	300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Bldgs.	1,800.00	1,555.25	1,800.00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	600.00	488.98	600.00
Fire Department	1,900.00	2,424.27	1,900.00
Hose	250.00	250.00	
Lake	900.00	800.00	900.00
Health:			
Health Department, Including			
Hospitals	700.00	533.25	550.00
Vital Statistics	14.00	23.00	23.00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	3,000.00	3,911.53	3,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	1,573.50	2,000.00
Street Lighting	1,500.00	1,563.53	1,500.00
General Expenses of Highway			
Department	900.00	1,552.11	900.00
Town Road Aid	182.29		
Libraries	200.00	200.00	200.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,500.00	1,445.83	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00	1,833.64	2,500.00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Asns.	200.00	250.00	
Old Home Day	300.00	300.00	

Recreation:

Parks and Playgrounds, Incl. Band Concerts	600.00	375.64	600.00
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Public Service Enterprises:

Municipally Owned Water	2,500.00	2,954.33	2,500.00
Cemeteries	300.00	643.45	300.00
New Pump, W. W.		1,451.71	

Unclassified:

Advertising and Regional Ass'ns	154.00	154.00	
Auto Permits	132.00	149.50	149.50

Interest

On Temporary Loans	275.00	237.74	275.00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds		90.00	80.00

Highways and Bridges:

Tarring	1,500.00	1,060.03	
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Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00	1,500.81	
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Town Truck	800.00		800.00
New Equipment	1,000.00		

Payment on Principal of Debt:

Long Term Notes		1,000.00	1,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Div.:

County Taxes	7,500.00	6,073.17	6,073.17
School Taxes	27,523.00	17,797.86	28,229.29
Total Expenditures	<u>\$88,848.48</u>	<u>\$55,144.27</u>	<u>\$60,529.96</u>

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY

Lands and Buildings	\$598,450.00
Veterans Exemption	30,800.00
Electric Plants	50,261.00
Horses, Asses and Mules — 8	525.00
Cows — 38	4,165.00
Other Neat Stock—3	150.00
Sheep and Goats—5	55.00
Fowls—5,951	8,729.00
Portable Mills—2	2,300.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	2,755.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks—7	925.00
Stock in Trade	350,300.00
Mills and Machinery	550,000.00

Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions	
Allowed	\$1,599,415.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	\$30,800.00

Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$1,568,615.00
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Number of inventories distributed — 260
 Number of inventories returned — 170
 Number of veterans who received property exemption—32
 Number of veterans exempted from poll tax — 58

FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

February 3, 1954.

HARRY W. BROWN,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
FREDERICK S. SHELDON,
Selectmen.

ARTHUR F. BELL.
Treasurer.

ASSETS

Cash

In hands of treasurer	\$18,390.30	
In hands of officials, Selectmen, First		
National Bank of Peterborough, Balance		
Lizzie Holt Fund	1,287.41	
Accounts Due to the Town		
Due from State:		
Bounties	51.00	
Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1953	2,540.29	
Levy of 1952	57.80	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1953	190.00	
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	10.00	
Total Assets		\$22,526.80
Excess of liabilities over assets (net Debt)		2,589.47
Grand Total		\$25,116.27
Net Debt—December 31, 1952	\$3,744.71	
Net Debt—December 31, 1953	2,589.47	
Decrease of Debt	\$1,155.24	
Debt created for:- Fire Truck		

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Town Hall chairs	\$200.00
Town Dump	800.00

Due to State:

State Head Taxes—1953

Uncollected \$190.00) Collected—

(Collected—not remitted to State

Treasurer. \$185.00	375.00
Yield Tax	343.07
Due to Precincts (Water Works	459.41
Due to School Districts: Balance of	
Appropriation	13,468.65

State and Town Joint Highway

Construction Accounts:

Unexpended balance in Town

Treasury —T. R. A.	182.73
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Long Term Notes Outstanding:

First National Bank. Hillsborough

Fire Truck Notes	8,000.00
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Trust Funds, Amount of Principal

To be used

Lizzie Holt Fund. First National

Bank. Peterborough	1,287.41
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Total Liabilities

\$25,116.27

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$49,805.57
Poll Taxes, Current Year	440.00
Yield Taxes, 1953	404.60
State Head Taxes, 1953	1,360.50
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Total Current Year's Taxes collected and remitted	\$52,010.67
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes Previous Years	14,063.66
Poll Taxes, Previous Years	36.00
State Head Taxes, Previous Years	154.00
Interest received on Taxes	284.70
Tax sales redeemed	50.00

From State:

Interest and dividend tax	1,301.36
Railroad tax	165.61
Savings Bank Tax and Building and Loan Association Tax	173.91
Reimbursement and Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	29.50
Fighting forest fires	35.88
Reimbursement and Old Age Assistance	41.71

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog licenses	163.60
Business licenses, permits and filing fees	128.00
Rent of town property	64.00
Income from trust funds	1,130.00
Income from Town Truck	1,741.85
Income from municipal water dept.	2,502.81
Registration of motor vehicles, 1953 Permits	1,398.01

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Temporary loans in anticipation of taxes during year	12,000.00
Town of Antrim, labor	126.65
Paul Traxler, telephone	101.21
Marion Cleary, extinguisher fill	2.10
Refunds, Fire Dept.	15.00
Tractor	73.50
H. Curtis, driveway	35.40
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Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	\$12,353.86
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Total Receipts from All Sources	\$87,829.13
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	2,390.49
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Grand Total	\$90,219.62

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town officers' salaries	\$1,348.74
Town officers' expenses	1,424.51
Election and registration expenses	130.00
Expenses town hall and other town buildings	1,555.25

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police department	488.98
Fire department, including forest fires	2,424.27
Bounties	51.00
Hose	250.00
Lake	800.89

Health:

Health department, including hospitals	533.25
Vital statistics	23.00
New pump, water works	1,451.71

Highways and Bridges:

Tarring	1,060.03
Town Maintenance (Summer—\$3,911.53) (Winter—\$1,573.50)	5,485.03
Street lighting	1,563.53
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	1,552.11

Libraries:

Libraries	200.00	
Public Welfare:		
Old age assistance	1,880.64	
Town poor	1,445.83	
Monadnock Region	154.00	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	250.00	
Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds, including band concerts	375.64	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water and electric Dept.	2,954.33	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	643.45	
Old Home Day	300.00	
Unclassified:		
Auto Permits	149.50	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$149.50
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	237.74	
Paid on long term notes	90.00	
Total Interest Payments		\$327.74
Outlay for New Construction, Equipment and Permanent Improvements		
Sidewalk construction	1,500.81	
Total Outlay Payments		\$1,500.81

Indebtedness:

Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	14,000.00	
Payments on long term notes	1,000.00	
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Total Indebtedness Payments		\$15,000.00

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes paid State Treas. (1953 Taxes \$1,068.50) (Prior Yrs. \$1,565.55)	2,634.05	
Taxes paid to County	6,073.17	
Payments to School Districts (1952 Tax \$6,797.86) (1953 Tax \$11,000.00)	17,797.86	
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Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$26,505.08
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$71,829.32
Cash on hand December 31, 1953		\$18,390.30
Grand Total		\$90,219.62

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Libraries, Land and Buildings	25,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Dept., Land, Buildings and Equipment	100.00
Fire Dept., Lands and Buildings	400.00
Equipment	19,000.00
Highway Dept., Land and Buildings	3,000.00
Equipment	10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000.00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	36,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	65,000.00
Equipment	8,000.00
Total	<hr/> \$199,500.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1953 thru December 31, 1953

Total Auto Tax for 1953	\$1,398.11
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Total Dog Tax for 1953	\$187.00
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Clerk's fees on dog tax	\$15.60
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Dog book and tags	7.80
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\$23.40

Total Dog Tax Paid to Treas. for 1953	\$163.60
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Filing Fees	18.00
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Total amount paid to treasurer for 1953	\$1,579.71
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DONALD A. POWERS, *Clerk.*

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS

Appropriations	
Town Officers Salaries	\$1,300.00
Town Officers Expenses	1,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	125.00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance	1,800.00
Police Department	600.00
Fire Department	1,900.00
Lake Appropriations	900.00
Health Department	1,500.00
Hose Appropriation	250.00
Vital Statistics	14.00
Tarring Appropriation	1,500.00
Town Road Aid	182.29
Town Maintenance	
(Summer \$3,000.00) (Winter \$2,000.00)	5,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	900.00
Interest on Temporary Loan	150.00
Town Truck	800.00
Insurance, Auto Permits	132.00
Sidewalk Construction	1,500.00
Street Lighting	1,500.00
Libraries	200.00
Old Age Assistance	2,500.00
Public Relief	1,500.00
Memorial Day \$250.00, Old Home Day \$300.00	550.00
Parks and Playgrounds	600.00
Water and Electric Utilities	2,500.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Monadnock Region	154.00
Payments on Debt, Principal \$1,000.00	
Interest \$225.00	1,225.00
County Tax	6,073.17

School Tax	24,468.65
Total Town and School Appropriations	\$61,524.11
Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:	
Interest and Dividend Tax	\$1,301.36
Railroad Tax	167.09
Savings Bank Tax	156.84
Reimbursement and Exemption of	
Growing Wood and Timber	663.31
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,200.00
Dog Licenses	145.50
Business Licenses and Permits	60.00
Rent of Town Property and Equipment	131.50
Water and Electric Departments	2,500.00
Other Revenue:	
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,130.00
Town Truck	1,000.00
Misc. Income	100.00
Total Revenues and Credits	\$8,555.60
	\$52,968.51
Plus Overlay	856.40
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation	\$53,824.91
Less: 246 Poll Taxes at \$2.00	\$492.00
	492.00
Amount to be raised by property taxes	
on which tax rate is to be figured	\$53,332.91
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:	
Property Taxes	\$53,332.91
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	492.00
Total Taxes to be Committed	\$53,824.91
Tax Rate, Approved by Tax Commission	\$3.40

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Levy of 1952

Taxes committed to Collector

Property	\$13,560.60
Polls	44.00
Yield Tax	560.00
Interest	267.45
Interest on Yield Tax	12.29
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	\$14,444.34

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Property	\$13,502.80
Polls	36.00
Yield Tax	560.00
Yield Tax Interest	12.29
Interest on Property and Polls	267.45
2 Polls paid in Antrim	4.00
2 Polls uncollected	4.00
Property uncollected	57.80
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	\$14,444.34

Property Uncollected

Lawrence H. Parker	\$51.00
Joseph Davy	3.40
Lorenzo Smith	3.40
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	\$57.80

Polls Uncollected	
Phoebe Whittemore	\$2.00
Walter J. Burrows	2.00
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	\$4.00
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Total Uncollected	\$61.80

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Polls and Yield Taxes

Levy of 1953

Taxes Committed to Collector

Property Taxes	\$53,332.91
Poll Taxes	492.00
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	\$53,824.91

Added Taxes

Polls	2.00
Interest	4.96
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	6.96
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	\$53,831.87

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Remittance to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$49,805.53
Poll Taxes	442.00
Interest Collected	4.93
Discount	991.49
Uncollected Taxes	
Property	2,488.29

Polls	52.00
Abatements	47.60
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	\$53,831.87

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector.

UNCOLLECTED 1953 PROPERTY TAXES

Fred Bartlett Estate	\$51.00
Robert & Eunice Blanchard	175.61
Annabell Call	34.00
Patrick Cashion Estate	61.20
Patrick Cashion — Pd. Jan. 29, 1954	68.00
Charles Cole	61.20
Joseph Davy	3.40
Harold & Janet Durfee	51.00
George Edes	18.70
Eli Fournier Estate	6.80
Herbert & Hattie Flanders	112.20
Horton & Alice Glynn	74.80
Fred L. Gibbs	51.00
Horton Glynn	1.70
Percy Handy	34.00
Herbert J. Lindsay	200.60
John & Judith Lindsay	68.00
Melvin & Ruth Loomis	6.80
Muzzey, Parker & Towle — Pd. Jan. 12, 1954	91.80
Lawrence & Doris Parker	256.70
Warren Perkins	54.40
Grace Sargent	51.00
Frances Rockwell (Grant)	76.50
Carrie Smith	27.20

Clifford & Lyle Smith	68.00
George & Greta Gray — Pd. Jan. 5, 1954	71.06
Dorothy Traxler	85.00
Vincent & Hughes	153.00
Hattie Wilson Estate	5.10
Henry W. Wilson Estate	1.70
Herbert E. Wilson	63.75
Robert & Barbara St. Lawrence	27.20

\$2,112.42

Non Resident

Claude & Catherine Butt	\$68.00
John F. Cronin, Jr.	3.40
Harry Dorr	23.80
Charles M. Edler	59.50
Hollis Wood Reel Co.	8.67
William & Carrie Larkin	68.00
John Newhall	69.70
Mrs. John T. Robertson	3.40
Arthur Peckham	34.00
Bastile B. Schell	3.40
A. T. Stewart	34.00

\$375.87

\$2,488.29

1953 POLLS

246 at \$2.00	\$492.00
1 added	2.00

\$494.00

Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$442.00
Uncollected	52.00

\$494.00

UNCOLLECTED POLL TAXES 1953

Robert Brown
Walter J. Burrows
Delpha Burrows
Robert Blanchard
Eunice Blanchard
Charles Cole — Pd. Jan. 29, 1954
Grace Cole — Pd. Jan. 29, 1954
Joseph Davy
Cecilia Davison
John Donnelly
Eva Donnelly
Hattie Flanders
Maxine Felton
Horton Glynn
Alice Glynn
Fred L. Gibbs
Louise E. Gibbs
Ruth Loomis
Dorothy Martin
Lawrence J. Parker
Doris M. Parker
Doris I. Parker
Phoebie Whittemore
Elmer Parker — Pd. Jan. 23, 1954
Bertha Parker — Pd. Jan. 23, 1954
Barbara St. Lawrence

SUMMARY OF HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

Committed to Collector

Charged 304 at \$5.00	\$1,520.00
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Added 4 at \$5.00	20.00	
Penalties	10.50	
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Cr.

Turned in	\$1,350.00	
Penalties	10.50	
Uncollected 38 at \$5. 0	190.00	
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UNCOLLECTED 1953 HEAD TAX

Robert Brown	Joseph Davy
Delpha Burrows	Cecilia Davison
Walter J. Burrows	Roland Davison
Robert Blanchard	John Donnelly
Eunice Blanchard	Eva Donnelly
Alfred Chase — Pd. Jan. 21, 1954	
Dorothy Chase — Pd. Jan. 21, 1954	
Charles Cole — Pd. Jan. 29, 1954	
Grace Cole — Pd. Jan. 29, 1954	
Maxine Felton	Dorothy Martin
Herbert Flanders	Robert Nichols
Hattie Flanders	Lawrence J. Parker
Horton Glynn	Doris M. Parker
Fred L. Gibbs	Doris I. Parker
Lucy E. Gibbs	Verna Robertson
Judith Lindsay	Grace Sargent
John Lindsay	Lorenzo Smith
Melvin Loomis	George Whittemore
Peter Martell, Jr.	Pheobie Whittemore
Cecil Martin	Robert St. Lawrence
	Barbara St. Lawrence

SUMMARY OF HEAD TAXES

Levy of 1952

Committed to Collector

Head Taxes	\$80.00	
Penalties	5.50	
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Cr.

Paid Treasurer	\$55.00	
Penalties	5.50	
Three abated	15.00	
Uncollected	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$85.50

UNCOLLECTED

Phoebe Whittemore
Walter J. Burrows

JAMES H. BALCH,
Tax Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have examined the reports and accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Superintendent of Water Works, Trustees of Trust Funds, Library Trustees, Cemeteries, and Town Clerk. All accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

EDW. C. BLACK,

WALTER D. CLEARY,

Auditors.

OLD HOME DAY REPORT

REPORT OF BENNINGTON OLD HOME DAY ASSOCIATION

Cash on hand December 31, 1952	\$140.57
Received from Town appropriation	300.00
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	\$440.57
Paid out:	
Peter Martel, for Firemen	\$140.00
Brookline Drum Corp	50.00
Prizes for floats:	
Antrim Building Supply Co.	15.00
St. Patrick's Church	10.00
Curtis Hill Billies	5.00
Weare Band	160.00
C. L. Peck, entertainment	25.00
Curtis Hill Billies	30.00
Sims Press, posters	26.68
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	\$461.68

LAURENCE J. PARKER,

Treasurer.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Detail 1. Town Officers Salaries

Harry W. Brown, Selectman	\$300.00
Charles E. Lindsay, Selectman	218.75
J. Fred Miles, Selectman	31.25
Frederick S. Sheldon, Selectman	250.00
Donald A. Powers, Town Clerk	75.00
James H. Balch, Tax Collector	187.50
Arthur F. Bell, Treasurer	187.50
Lorenzo Smith, Dog Constable	20.00
Edward C. Black, Auditor	10.00
Maurice Newton, Auditor	10.00
James H. Balch, Collector Head Taxes	58.74
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	\$1,348.74

Detail 2. Town Officers Expenses

Contoocook Valley Telephone Co.	\$135.98
H. W. Wilson Agency, Bonds and Insurance	437.46
Gladys Newhall, Photos	5.00
N. H. Assessors Association, Dues	3.00
Maxwell Press, Printing	442.27
J. Fred Miles, Stamps	9.60
Ida Harvey, Dues	3.00
Transcript Printing Co., Printing	2.50
Harry W. Brown, Expenses	21.50
Edward Bourassa, Returning Names	.40
A. F. Bell, Expenses	20.00

Donat Correveau, Registry Deeds	6.29
Don A. Powers, Supplies	7.80
James H. Balch, Stamps	15.00
C. R. Hardy, Dues	2.00
Edson C. Eastman, Supplies	19.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	22.75
Philip Woodbury, Flowers	5.00
Hillsboro Savings Bank, Chgs.	3.30
State Tax Commission, Audit	262.16
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	\$1,424.51

Detail 3. Election & Registration

John P. Weston, Moderator	\$15.00
H. A. Curtis, Ballot Inspector	7.50
Wilfred Levesque, Ballot Inspector	7.50
Philip Knowles, Supervisor of Check List	10.00
Edward French, Supervisor of Check List	10.00
Paul Traxler, Supervisor of Check List	10.00
D. A. Maxwell, Printing	45.00
Gladys Newhall, Dinners	25.00
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	\$130.00

Detail 4. Town Hall and Other Buildings

Paul Traxler, Janitor	\$488.85
Public Service Co., Lights	145.65
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	388.74
Farmers Feed & Supply, Coal	268.05
Herbert Flanders, Plowing	5.00
Robert Brown, Trucking Ashes	19.50
Philip Traxler, Wood and Labor	30.00

Al Perry, Roof Repairs	37.46
Monadnock Lumber Co., Supplies	7.94
Marshal Rowe, Clock	4.75
Edmunds Dept. Store, Supplies	11.39
Howard Chase, Tuning Piano	6.50
J. H. Lindsay, Supplies	5.05
Monadnock Mills, Supplies	1.62
Don A. Powers, Supplies	1.50
E. T. Sadden, Cleaning Furnace	25.00
Dalmer Newhall, Labor	4.00
Walter Cleary, Labor	42.50
Robert Hadden, Labor	34.00
Ralph Smith, Labor	27.75
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	\$1,555.25

Detail 5. Police

Frank Chiesa, Chief	\$364.38
Fred Hugron, Special	89.00
John Donnelly, Special	22.50
Arthur R. Sheldon, Special	4.00
Contoocook Valley Telephone	9.10
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	\$488.98

Detail 6. Fire Department

Firemens Retirement Board	\$81.00
Texaco Service Station	20.02
Ralph Smith, Labor	24.00
Robert Brown, Labor	20.00
Sharon Repair Center, Forest Fire Pump	12.85
Henry W. Wilson Agency, Insurance	446.96

Arthur Sawyer, Labor	18.30
Railway Express	6.32
Nashua Battery Shop, Repairs, Engine 2	256.36
Paul Traxler, Labor, Wood, Supplies	123.01
Hooker Howe Costume Co., Float	66.24
Public Service Co., Siren	19.52
Wallace K. Flood, Oil	84.47
C. S. Wood, Supplies	3.87
Ivon Clough, Fire Chief and Labor	64.15
George Gray, Fire Ward	20.00
C. E. Lindsay, Supplies and Labor	167.58
Fred Hugron, Labor	10.00
Edward Moul, Labor	13.90
Edward French, Payrolls	456.50
Thompson Hoague, Supplies	2.10
Newhall's Garage, Supplies and Labor	72.13
Contoocook Valley Telephone	74.69
Sudsbury Laboratory, Supplies	19.36
Johnson's Garage, Test Trucks	3.00
Mary J. Miles, Sign	5.00
James A. Coffin, Supplies	47.44
L. J. Parker,	285.50
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	\$2,424.27

Detail 7. New Pump — Water Works

Aetna Engineering Co., New Water Pump	\$1,451.71
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Detail 8. Bounties

John Cole	\$5.50
C. E. Lindsay	38.50
Robert Handy	1.00
Harry Brown	6.00
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	\$51.00

Detail 9. Hose — Fire Dept.

James A. Coffin	\$250.00
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Detail 10. Health Dept.

Don A. Powers, Health Officer	\$50.00
Lawrence Parker, Dump	20.00
Herbert Flanders, Dump	15.00
Herbert Curtis, Dump	378.38
Herbert Wilson, Dump	62.75
J. Fred Miles, Labor	7.12
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	\$533.25

Detail 11. Vital Statistics

Don A. Powers	\$23.00
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Detail 12. Town Maintenance—Summer

Herbert A. Curtis, Payroll and Supplies	\$3,714.80
Ray Road Equipment Co.	27.20
R. C. Hazelton, Supplies	113.48
Public Service	1.75
Keens Sand and Gravel	54.30
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	\$3,911.53

Detail 13. Town Maintenance—Winter

Herbert A. Curtis	\$1,515.50
Elm City Grain Co., Salt	58.00
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	\$1,573.50

Detail 14. Tarring

Herbert Curtis	\$519.75
Trimount Bituminous Products	540.28
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	\$1,060.03

Detail 15. Lake

Richard Chapin	\$550.24
Herbert A. Curtis	138.25
Frank Chiesa	101.25
Edmund's Dept. Store	9.21
Don A. Powers	1.94
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	\$800.89

Detail 16. Street Lighting

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$1,563.53
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Detail 17. General Expenses of Highway Dept.

Public Service Co. of N. H.	\$136.55
Bennington Garage	871.80
Henry W. Wilson Agency	198.44
Sharon Repair Center, Mower	191.24
Alfred Chase, Labor	1.80
Paul Traxler, Labor	14.00
Philip Knowles, Care of Clock	25.00
Monadnock Mills, Inc., Supplies	8.19
Herbert Curtis	105.00
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	\$1,552.11

Detail 18. Libraries

Philip E. Knowles	\$200.00
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Detail 19. Old Age Assistance

\$1,880.64

Detail 20. Town Poor

Alfred Chase, Overseer	\$50.40
Paul Traxler, Labor	12.85
Dr. C. W. Bulock, Services	120.50
J. B. Vaillencourt, Oil	362.10
Margarett Sawyer, Rent	220.00
A. F. Edmunds, Supplies	679.93
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	\$1,445.83

Detail 21. Monadnock Region

\$154.00

Detail 22. Memorial Day

Memorial Day	\$250.00
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Detail 23. Parks and Playgrounds

First National Store, Seed	\$11.34
Herbert Curtis, Payroll	70.00
Delmar Newhal, Labor	274.15
C. E. Lindsay, Supplies	20.15
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	\$375.64

Detail 24. Water Works

John Armstrong, Superintendent	\$875.15
Aetna Engineering Co.	13.02
E. H. Edwards	188.93

C. E. Lindsay	13.20
Paul Traxler	287.18
Alfred Chase	5.50
Herbert Curtis	35.00
Public Service	578.80
H. B. Prescott	170.81
Monadnock Mills	45.93
Southwestern Express	1.95
Monadnock Lumber Co.	80.52
Fields Point Corp	9.50
Dalmer Newhall	119.50
L. F. Hugron	3.49
J. Fred Miles	145.50
Mary J. Miles	64.50
R. Fish	8.65
Harry W. Brown	113.99
Huckins Oil Co.	53.44
Eddy Valve Co.	7.96
Gay's Express	3.96
Philip Traxler	4.00
N. H. Water Works Assoc.	5.00
Brown & Saltmarsh	10.85
Philip Knowles	6.00
Harlan Robertson	42.00
Robert Wilson	21.00
Lawrence Newhall	11.00
Herbert Flanders	5.00
Steve Yakovakis	10.50
Antrim Building Supply	12.50
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	\$2,954.33

Detail 25. Cemeteries

Dalmer Newhall	\$518.07
F. C. Mercer and Co.	25.00

Monadnock Tree Service	75.00
William Lindsay	6.38
Henry W. Wilson Agency	19.00

\$643.45

Detail 26. Old Home Day

L. J. Parker	\$300.00
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Detail 27. Head Taxes

Treasurer, State of N. H.	2,634.05
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Detail 28. Interest

First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$327.74
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Detail 29. Auto Permits

Don A. Powers	\$149.50
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Detail 30. Sidewalk Construction

E. H. Edwards	\$162.81
Stephen Chase	1,338.00

\$1,500.81

Detail 31. Temporary Loans

First National Bank of Hillsboro	\$14,000.00
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Detail 32. Long Term Notes

First National Bank of Hillsboro	
Fire Truck	\$1,000.00

Detail 33. County Tax

Hillsboro County Treasurer	\$6,073.17
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Detail 34. School District

Mary K. Wilson, Treasurer	\$17,797.86
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Bennington 6

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

1953

Total number of gallons pumped	12,957,000
Number of hours pumping	1,419
Cost of power	\$578.80

We repaired spillway at pumping station also installed electric heaters and insulated ceiling at pumping station.

JOHN D. ARMSTRONG,
Superintendent

REPORT OF COLLECTIONS

Total rentals collected	\$2,998.70
Total supplies sold	82.11
Total old accounts collected	44.00

Total collected	\$2,424.81
Turned in to Treasurer	\$2,424.81

UNCOLLECTED

Texaco Station	\$13.50
L. J. Parker	Pd. 15.00
Robert St. Laurence	13.00
Grace Sargent	24.50
Clifford Smith	9.50
George Wittemore	30.00
Melvin Loomas	20.00 (Pd. \$10.00)
J. H. Lindsay	16.00

JOHN D. ARMSTRONG,
Collector

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

of the

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

J. PRENTIS WESTON,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
FREDERICK S. SHELDON,
Trustees.

Report of the Trust Funds of Bennington on December 31, 1953

Date of Creation	NAME OF FUND PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Bal. of Income on hand at beginning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
LIBRARY FUNDS								
1923	John D. & Mary C. Butler	New Hampshire Savings Bank	\$1000 00	\$15 00	3	\$30 68		\$45 68
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	New Hampshire Savings Bank	5000 00	75 00	3	151 27	151 13	75 14
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Hillsborough Co. Savings Bank	5000 00	138 43	3	152 18	138 43	152 18
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Manchester Savings Bank	5000 00		3	150 56	150 56	
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Mechanics Savings Bank	5000 00	151 13	3	152 65	151 13	152 65
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Merrimack County Sav. Bank	5000 00		3	150 38	150 38	
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Loan & Trust Savings Bank	5000 00		2 1/2	138 69	138 69	
1938	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	Union Trust Company	*1026 66	75 04	3	165 33	240 37	
1933	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	125 Shares in Boston Fund Inc.	2940 00			52 50	52 50	
1933	Emma E. Gipson, Memorial T. F.	100 Shares in Mass. Inv. Trust	2042 00			71 00	71 00	
1938	Mary Butler Jackson	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	457 50	9 21	2 1/2	17 62		26 83
EVERGREEN CEMETERY								
1913	George L. Herrick Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	117 11	3	8 45	75 00	50 56
1914	Mrs. A. D. Green Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	103 95	3	8 35	55 00	57 30
	Mrs. A. D. Green							

1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	101 62	3	8 21	60 00	49 83
1923	Mrs. C. M. Whitney Calvin S. Brown, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	39 25	3	3 83	25 00	18 08
1928	Cyrus H. Philbrick, Cem. Fund C. H. Philbrick	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	34 07	3	6 84	15 00	25 91
1928	Ann F. Philbrick Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	17 02	3	3 41	8 00	12 43
1929	Lizzie M. Holt, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	39 01	3	7 22		46 23
1929	Chas. F. Manahan, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	17 50	3	3 40	10 00	10 90
1929	Luke Burt, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	8 48	3	1 71	3 00	7 19
1931	John C. Dodge, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	200 00	34 07	3	6 84	15 00	25 91
1931	Enos Vieno, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	17 03	3	3 41	8 00	12 44
1935	Bradford D. Brown, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	8 00	3	1 74		9 74
1939	Ellen C. Brown, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	32 10	3	6 59	14 00	24 69
1940	Walter Wilson, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	8 11	3	1 74		9 85
1942	Sam'l & Jane Dodge, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	8 00	3	1 74		9 74
1943	Thomas Wilson, Cem. Fund	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	100 00	12 60	21½	4 24		16 84
	Margaret Wilson							

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1953	Lawrence & Catherine Mulhall Walter E. O'Malley MOUNT CALVARY CEMETERY	Peterborough Savings Bank	**200 00					
1946	Lawrence W. Flynn, Cem. Fund L. W. Flynn will	Peterborough Savings Bank	125 00	22 15	3	4 45		26 60
1950	Annie M. Shea, Cem. Fund Annie M. Shea	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	14 39	3	6 47		20 86
1950	Mary E. Mulhall, Cem. Fund Mary E. Mulhall SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	100 00	3 85	2½	3 89		7 74
1916	Trustees Trust Funds A. A. Ramsay	Manchester Savings Bank	600 00	154 49	3	21 29	100 00	75 78
1906	Geo. A. Whittemore Cem. Fund G. A. Whittemore	New Hampshire Savings Bank	300 00	141 58	3	11 84	100 00	53 42
1919	Clara R. Whittemore, Cem. Fund C. R. Whittemore	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100 00	43 64	3	3 95	25 00	22 59
1922	Horace Dinsmore, Cem. Fund Mabel A. Bryant	New Hampshire Savings Bank	100 00	39 74	3	3 83	25 00	18 57

1923	John D. & Moody Butler, Cem. F. Mary B. Jameson	New Hampshire Savings Bank	225 00	89 58	3	8 60	60 00	38 18
1927	Royal V. Knight, Cem. Fund Scott W. Knight	New Hampshire Savings Bank	200 00	56 55	3	7 22	35 00	28 77
1932	Charles F. Burnham, Cem. Fund C. F. Burnham	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	45 20	3	6 65	25 00	26 85
1934	Bessie W. Call, Cem. Fund B. W. Call	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	17 49	3	3 37	6 00	14 86
1935	Geo. W. Wilson, Cem. Fund Ida B. Ware	Peterborough Savings Bank	75 00	13 10	3	2 54	4 00	11 64
1935	Betsey R. Brown, Cem. Fund Georgietta Bryer	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	8 72	3	1 67	3 00	7 39
1936	Nancy Stevens, Cem. Fund Nancy Stevens	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00	26 25	3	5 01	10 00	21 26
1939	Mary L. Knight, Cem. Fund Mary L. Knight	Peterborough Savings Bank	200 00	11 03	3	6 65	21 00	26 68
1941	Frank A. Taylor, Cem. Fund Grace A. Taylor	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	17 48	3	3 37	6 00	14 85
1942	Fred Kimball Cem. Fund Nettie Kimball	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	17 49	3	3 37	6 00	14 86
1943	Frank Young, Cem. Fund Helen Young	Peterborough Savings Bank	150 00	26 25	3	4 95	12 00	19 20
1945	Sarah Kresst, Cem. Fund Emma Bartlett	Peterborough Savings Bank	50 00	8 71	3	1 67	3 00	7 38
1945	Geo. Alfred Whittenmore, Cem. F. M. W. Mather	Peterborough Savings Bank	**250 00	35 03	3	7 02	15 00	27 05
1946	Lenora N. O'Leary, Cem. Fund Lenora N. O'Leary	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	17 46	3	3 37	6 00	14 83
1946	Stephen & Mary Chase, Cem. F. Mary Chase heirs	Peterborough Savings Bank	125 00	21 86	3	4 21	7 00	19 07

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		Amount of Principal	Bal. of Income on hand at begin- ning of Year	Rate of Interest	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Bal. of Income on Hand at End of Year
1949	Edith Dodge, Cem. Fund	109 00	9 60	3	3 25	2 00	10 85
1927	Edith Dodge, Cem. Fund						
1927	Anon Symonds, Cem. Fund	400 00	63 25	2 1/2	16 91	37 29	42 87
1927	Abbie M. Symonds						
1927	Sam'l Abbott, Cem. Fund	200 00	37 56	2 1/2	8 63	20 00	26 19
1929	Adeline M. Peavy						
1929	Ann M. Eaton, Cem. Fund	100 00	12 62	2 1/2	4 14	5 00	11 76
1937	Ann M. Eaton						
1937	Chas H. Kimball, Cem. Fund	100 00	12 62	2 1/2	4 14	5 00	11 76
1939	Amie B. Kimball						
1939	Sam'l Gilman & Lucinda Dodge, C.F.	100 00	12 62	2 1/2	4 14	5 00	11 76
1940	M. Hayward, N. Jennison, J. Knight	100 00	12 62	2 1/2	4 14	5 00	11 76
1940	Amos A. Martin, Cem. Fund						
1940	Amos A. Martin, heirs	200 00	25 26	2 1/2	8 33	10 00	23 59
1905	Anna M. Woodbury, Cem. Fund						
1905	A. M. Woodbury	200 00	61 21	3	7 37	35 00	33 58
1906	Helen P. Ramsey, Cem. Fund						
1906	A. A. Ramsey	200 00	51 86	3	7 07	35 00	23 93
1906	Amoskeag Savings Bank						

1914	Abram A. Ramsey, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	1766 16	323 15	3	61 64	100 00	284 79
1915	C. J. Kimball, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	150 00	31 44	3	5 26	15 00	21 70
1916	W. S. Carlin, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	332 20	84 76	3	11 84	50 00	46 60
1917	Augusta W. Gray, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	18 12	3	3 45	7 80	14 57
1918	W. H. Darrab, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	8 50	3	1 76		10 26
1921	E. I. Dodge, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	23 42	3	3 61	8 00	19 03
1925	Wm. L. Taylor, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	28 77	3	3 69	12 00	20 46
1928	Harriet Kimball, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	10 42	3	1 82		12 24
1928	David W. Bell, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	20 40	3	3 51	8 00	15 91
1928	Wm. Keith, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	20 35	3	3 51	8 00	15 86
1930	Mary Knowles, Cem. Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	18 27	3	3 47	7 00	14 74
1952	Clarence D. Kockerspergy, C. F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	2 00	3	3 08		5 08
1942	Rodney & Leure Nichols, Cem. F.	Peterborough Savings Bank	100 00	17 48	3	3 37	6 00	14 85
1952	Kendall Gray, Cem. Fund	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	100 00	75 3	3	3 03		3 78
1951	Robert Wilson, Cem. Fund	Peterborough Savings Bank	243 75	10 50	3	7 68		18 18
1940	Community Fund	Hillsboro Guaranty Sav. Bank	327 85	87 79 2 1/2	15 69			103 48

* Balance at Beginning of Year was \$5,978.66, \$4,952.00 taken from this fund July 6, 1953 and invested as shown in next two accounts. ** New Funds Created, \$200.00 and \$50.00.

NOTE:— Figures under headings "Balance Beginning Year" and "Balance End Year" are the same amounts.

TOWN HALL REPORT

Months	Rents	Janitor Fees	Free Hours
January	\$18.00	\$37.00	37
February	28.00	38.00	8
March	1.00	47.00	30
April		23.50	33
May		69.25	
June		14.50	14
July			
August	5.00	18.50	12
September	1.00	16.50	15
October		8.75	
November	8.00	43.50	11
December	3.00	41.50	46
Paid Treasurer	\$64.00	\$358.00	206

P. G. TRAXLER,
Janitor

FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

ENGINE NO. 1

- 1 500 gallon pumper with 150 gal. booster tank
- 200 ft. 12 booster hose
- 1 Hand type extinguisher
- 1 Foam type extinguisher
- 1 Roof ladder
- 1 Extension ladder
- 1 Smoke Mask
- 1 Fire fighter extinguisher
- 1 Dry powder

ENGINE NO. 2

- 75 Gallon pumper with 125 gal. booster tank
- 150 ft. 1" hose (booster tank.)
- 2 Ladders (roof)
- 1 Extension ladder
- 2 Extension (Soda & Acid)
- 2 Smoke Mask.
- 1 First aid kit
- 1 Co2 Extinguisher
- 1 Dry powder extinguisher

ENGINE NO. 3

- 1 750 gallon pumper with 600 gallon booster tank
- 150 ft. 1" booster hose.
- 1 extension ladder (aluminum)
- 1 Roof ladder (aluminum)
- 1 Attic ladder (Folding)
- 1 Dry powder extinguisher
- 1 First aid kit
- 1 Smoke mask

OTHER EQUIPMENT

- 2 Long ladders
- 12 Indian pumps
- 1 Portable pump
- 1 Trailer
- Emerson Resuscitator
- 1800 ft. 2½" Hose
- 1100 ft. 1½" Hose
- 2 Battery Chargers

REPORT OF CALLS

- 5 House Fires
- 4 Dump Fires
- 5 Chimney Fires
- 1 Car Fire
- 1 Drowning Victim Revived

FIRE ALARM BOXES ARE LOCATED

One at Don. Powers store.

One at Town Hall

To operate: Open door, pull down hook once, then let go and STAY at box until firemen arrive.

6 Blasts for fire.

1 Blast first Monday of each month at 6:45 p.m.

2 Blasts — No School, 8:00 a.m.

1 Long Blast, short of water.

1 Blast between noon and 1 o'clock for test on Saturday.

To be reached by telephone:

George Gray, by night. 26-12

Don Powers Store, 116-12 by day.

Paul Traxler, 116-31 — Day or night.

The firewards recommend buying 200 ft. 2½ hose.

The firewards recommend joining the Firemans Mutual Aid Association.

The firewards recommend buying a new Portable Forest Fire Pump.

IVON W. CLOUGH,
P. G. TRAXLER,
GEORGE H. GRAY,

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

Receipts

Cash on hand January 1, 1953	\$64.44
Trustees of Trust Funds	1,244.19
Town Appropriation	200.00
Sale of firewood	3.00
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Total Receipts	\$1,511.63

Expenditures

Mary K. Wilson, librarian	\$360.00
Steve Yakovakis, janitor	150.00
Fuel oil, 1605 gallons	225.28
Henry W. Wilson, Agency, Insurance	117.37
Thames Book Company, books	202.22
Field Enterprises, Inc., Set of Encyclopedias	107.36
Magazines and newspapers	29.50
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	51.30
Orvel B. Pierce, oil burner repairs	29.00
Paul Traxler, repairs to lights	21.29

Janitors supplies	1.41
Bank service charges	7.40
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Total Expenditures	\$1,302.13
Cash on hand December 31, 1953	209.50
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	\$1,511.63

Respectfully Submitted,
 PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
Treasurer

MARY D. SHEA
 RUTH A. CODY
Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY

Days and hours open:	
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday	
Afternoon 2:30 to 4:30	
Evening 6:30 to 8:30	
Books purchased in 1953	63
Books by gift in 1953	53
World Book Encyclopedia	19
Peterborough Transcript (weekly)	
Magazines by subscription	8
Books numbered for circulation	3,026
Borrowers	150

Magazines by subscription: Saturday Evening Post	
Jack and Jill	National Geographic
American Girl	By Gift:
Seventeen	Fortune
Life	McCalls
Ladies Home Journal	Time
Readers' Digest	The Chiropractic Home

MARY K. WILSON,
Librarian.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on hand July 1, 1952	
(Treasurer's bank balance)	\$4,185.19
Received from selectmen, appropriation	
for current year	\$21,797.86
Received from tuitions	575.00
Received from all other sources	1.50
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Total Receipts	\$22,374.36
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Total amount available for fiscal year	\$26,559.55
Less School Board orders paid	\$23,262.59
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Balance on hand June 30, 1953	\$3,296.96
(Treasurer's bank balance)	

MARY K. WILSON,

District Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the financial records of the Treasurer of the School District and find them correct in all respects.

VINCENA M. POWERS,

DORINE B. BULLOCK,

Auditors

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Bennington, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the fifth day of March, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agents of the District.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bennington, this sixteenth day of February, 1954.

DORIS M. PARKER,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,

School Board of Bennington, N. H.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

DORIS M. PARKER,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,

School Board of Bennington, N. H.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

From February 1953 to February 1954

To Mr. H. Moody, Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Parents:

Number of pupils weighed and measured	67
Number of pupils eyes examined	65
Number of pupils eyes reported	3
Number of pupils ears examined	61
Number of pupils ears reported	3
Number mumps	1
Many children have been treated for minor ailments at home.	

Due to illness, Dr. Grimes has been unable to come so far this year.

Will all parents who have children entering first grade next September, please have children vaccinated.

I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, School Board, Teachers and Pupils for their cooperation in the health program.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTHA PARKER, R. N.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

I am pleased to submit my third annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

ORGANIZATION

School Board

Mrs. Doris Parker, *Chairman*

Mr. Charles Lindsay

Mr. Philip Knowles

Treasurer

Mrs. Mary K. Wilson

Nurse

Mrs. Martha Parker, R. N.

Music

Mrs. Isabel Nichols

Superintendent

Mr. J. Harold Moody

Teachers

Mrs. Ruth Cody, *Principal*, Grades 6, 7, 8

Mrs. Jessie Black, Grades 3, 4, 5

Miss Elsie MacDonald, Grades 1, 2

GENERAL REPORT

At the beginning of school this fall Mrs. Margaret Walsh, who taught the first and second grades, was replaced by Miss Elsie MacDonald of Peterboro.

In view of the growing crisis in school housing throughout the nation Bennington can consider itself very fortunate to have such an excellent school plant. The Pierce

School meets all standards of modern school construction and has extra room for expansion. It looks as if our enrollment would decrease for the next few years since we have large classes graduating and small classes entering. These large high school classes will give Bennington a heavy tuition burden for some years. As long as Peterboro and Hillsboro are able and willing to accept these students the problem is only one of money.

The quality of instruction in the school is good. Standardized examinations show our pupils to be holding their own with children throughout the nation. Our graduates are doing better than average job in high school.

In conclusion I would like to thank the School Board, the teachers, and the towns people for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAROLD MOODY,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF PIERCE SCHOOL

To the Superintendent, School Board and Citizens of Bennington:

It was most gratifying in September 1953 to learn that each member of the group graduated the previous June was attending an approved High School.

The enrollment of Pierce School in September 1953 numbered 68 in grades 1 - 8. These groups are divided in the following manner:

Grades 1 and 2 — Miss Elsie MacDonald

Grades 3, 4 and 5 — Mrs. Jessie Black

Grades 6, 7 and 8 — Mrs. Ruth Cody

The following have maintained perfect attendance from September 1953 — February 1954:

Grades 6, 7 and 8 William Cleary, Arthur Cernota, John Robertson

Since September 1953 a slight tendency toward tardiness seems to be evident. We would like to remind the parents that the morning session begins at 8:45 and the afternoon session at 12:45. We would certainly appreciate cooperation from all parents in this matter of getting children to school on time. This habit of punctuality will be most valuable to them in the future.

For some years now the need for a Long View policy toward individual pupils has been becoming more and more evident. This recognition of individual differences has become increasingly more important as the present practice of grouping continues. By means of annual Standardized testing and keeping Cumulative records a valuable pattern of the child's educational growth has been maintained.

The teachers of this Area are fortunate this semester in having an opportunity to attend a class in Remedial Reading from Dr. Wolffer of Keene Teachers College. The importance of reading efficiency to the child can not be over estimated.

We are fortunate in Pierce School in having excellent equipment with which to work. The new Ginn Reading Series has proved to be most beneficial to the children. A new interest in arithmetic has developed with the use of the new Arithmetic Series. Our motion picture projector, mimeograph duplicator, work tables and reference books continue to be indispensable. A film strip projector would be a valuable teaching aid at all grade levels.

It has been a pleasure for us to work with the Bennington pupils. I also wish to express my appreciation for the fine cooperation and participation of the townspeople and the organizations in school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH A. CODY,

Principal.

FINANCIAL REPORT
OF THE
BENNINGTON, N. H., SCHOOL DISTRICT

for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952, and
ending June 30, 1953

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Section 24 of Chapter 82 of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire 1942, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

J. HAROLD MOODY, Supt.
DORIS M. PARKER,
CHARLES E. LINDSAY,
PHILIP E. KNOWLES,
School Board

RECEIPTS

<i>Local Taration</i>	
Current Appropriation	\$21,797.86
<i>Other Sources</i>	
Elementary School Tuitions	575.00
Other	1.50
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Total	\$22,374.36
<i>To'al Net Receipts from all Sources</i>	\$22,374.36
<i>Cash on Hand at Beginning of Year July 1, 1952</i>	\$4,185.19
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Total	\$4,185.19
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<i>Grand Total Net Receipts</i>	\$26,559.55

RECEIPTS

Total Net Income plus Cash on Hand July 1, 1952. (Agrees with " <i>Grand Total Net Receipts</i> " above)	\$26,559.55
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Total Gross Income	\$26,559.55

PAYMENTS

Total Net Payments Plus Cash on Hand June 30, 1953.	\$26,559.55
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Total Gross Payments	\$26,559.55

PAYMENTS
DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURES

	Total Amount	High School	Elem. School
<i>Administration</i>			
Salaries of District Officers	\$280.00		\$280.00
Superintendent's Salary (Local Share)	430.00		430.00
Tax for State Wide Supervision	224.00		224.00
Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	403.92		403.92
Supplies and Expenses	183.51		183.51
<i>Instruction</i>			
Teachers' Salaries	8,843.62		8,843.62
Books and Other Instructional Aids	605.62		605.62
Scholars' Supplies	312.31		312.31
Supplies and Other Expenses	56.11		56.11
<i>Operation of School Plant</i>			
Salaries of Janitors	1,200.00		1,200.00
Fuel or Heat	500.00		500.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	349.87		349.87
<i>Maintenance of School Plant</i>			
Repairs and Replacements	46.06		46.06
<i>Auxiliary Activities</i>			
Health Supervision	442.05		442.05
Transportation	1,530.00		1,530.00
Tuition	6,985.00	\$6,985.00	
<i>Fixed Charges</i>			
Retirement	498.12		498.12
Insurance, Treas. Bonds and Expenses	372.40		372.40
<i>Total Net Current Expenses</i>	<u>\$23,262.59</u>	\$6,985.00	\$16,277.59
<i>Total Net Payments for All Purposes</i>	\$23,262.59		
<i>Cash on Hand at End of Year</i> <i>(June 30, 1953)</i>			
General Fund	<u>3,296.96</u>		
<i>Grand Total Net Payments</i>	\$26,559.55		

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1953

ASSETS

Cash on Hand June 30, 1953	\$3,296.96
Grand Total	<u>\$3,296.96</u>

LIABILITIES

Director of Internal Revenue	\$198.20
N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization Service	44.34
Total Liabilities	<u>\$242.54</u>
Surplus Ex(cess of Assets Over Liabilities)	3,054.42
Grand Total	<u>\$3,296.96</u>

FINANCIAL REPORT AND PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

1954-55 School Year

Bennington

	Expenditures 1952-53	Budget 1953-54	Proposed Budget 1954-55
<i>Administration</i>			
Salaries of district officers	\$280.00	\$275.00	275.00
Superintendent's salary (local share)	430.00	500.40	525.60
Salaries of other administrative			
Tax for state wide supervision	224.00	204.00	196.00
personnel	403.92	251.81	303.68
Supplies and expenses	183.51	213.84	228.01
<i>Instruction</i>			
Elementary teachers' & principals' salary	8,843.62	8,980.00	9,480.00
Books and other instructional aids, elem.	605.62	450.00	450.00
Scholars' supplies, elem.	312.31	450.00	350.00
Supplies and other expenses, elem.	56.11	35.00	50.00
<i>Operation of School Plant</i>			
Salaries of janitors, elem.	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00
Fuel or heat, elem.	500.00	650.00	650.00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elem.	349.87	350.00	375.00
<i>Maintenance of School Plant</i>			
Repairs and replacements, elem.	46.06	400.00	200.00
<i>Auxiliary Activities</i>			
Health supervision, elem.	442.05	500.00	500.00
Transportation, elem.	1,530.00	1,530.00	1,530.00
Tuition, high	6,985.00	10,640.00	10,800.00

Fixed Charges

Retirement, elem.	498.12	550.00	566.00
Ins. treas. bonds and expenses, elem.	372.40	275.00	300.00
<i>Capital Outlay</i>			
New equipment, elem.		50.00	50.00
Special appro. for Janitor's Social Security		18.00	
Total Appropriations	\$23,262.59	\$27,523.05	\$28,229.29
Cash on hand at end of year (6-30-53)	3,296.96		
	\$26,559.55		

Receipts

Balance (actual or estimated)	\$4,185.19		
Elementary School Tuition	575.00		
9 Other	1.50		
Total Receipts other than Property Taxes	\$4,761.69		
District Assessment	21,797.86	\$27,523.05	\$28,229.29
Total Receipts 1952-53	\$26,559.55		

MEMORIAL DAY REPORT

STATEMENT OF MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

AS OF JUNE 30, 1953

Appropriation received from town \$250.00

List of paid out items:

Weare Band \$160.00

Don Powers, ice cream 5.60

Speaker 25.00

Clarence Edmunds, flags on Memorial

Day 21.60

R. S. Pihl, Treas., expenses, telephone 2.00

Order for flags to have on hand for
replacement 35.80

Total \$250.00

Balance on hand, none.

I certify this report to be correct.

RICHARD S. PIHL,
Treasurer

PAUL TRAXLER,
Chairman.

Report of Sexton of Bennington, N. H. for the Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953

NAME	AGE		BURIAL DATE	BROUGHT FROM	INTERMENT
	Yr.	Mo. Dy.			
Patrick Joseph Shea	79		Feb. 14, 1953	Bennington	Mt. Calvary
Moses William Fournier	88		Mar. 13, 1953	Francetown	Mt. Calvary
Henry Joseph Derosier	66		Mar. 18, 1953	Bennington	Evergreen
Albert Sturtevant	69	2	Mar. 20, 1953	Worcester, Mass.	Evergreen
Blanche Hepesh Deegary	53		Aug. 20, 1953	Hancock	Mt. Calvary
Henry D. Burns	73	18	Sept. 5, 1953	Framingham, Mass.	Evergreen
William Lawrence Gerard	70	16	Oct. 5, 1953	Holyoke, Mass.	Sunnyside
Johanna Alice Coughlan	62	3	Oct. 22, 1953	Antrim	Mt. Calvary
William S. Hass	53	3	Oct. 27, 1953	Hancock	Mt. Calvary
Bridget Powers	82	7	Dec. 15, 1953	Bennington	Mt. Calvary

Respectfully Submitted, DALMER NEWHALL, Sexton.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child Sex and Number 1st., 2nd. Etc.	Name of Father and Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents and Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father and Mother
March 17, 1953 Peterborough	Linda Nadine Dorr F 1	Harry Lawrence Dorr Caroline Hope Strickland	Bennington Paper Mill	Greenfield
May 6, 1953 Peterborough	Duane William Robertson M 2	Harlan Robertson Verna Eileen Davidson	Bennington Truck Driver	Grasmere Francesstown
May 8, 1953 Peterborough	Becky Ann Flanders F 4	Herbert Flanders Hattie Bruce	Bennington Mason	Bennington Plymouth
June 21, 1953 Peterborough	Patricia Dawn Smith F 3	Clifford Franklin Smith Lyla Cyreeth Smith	Bennington Paper Mill	— Georgia Nashua
June 23, 1953 Peterborough	Ronald James Traxler M 2	Philip Edward Traxler Elsie Marie McInnis	Bennington Laborer	— Mississippi Bennington
June 27, 1953 Peterborough	Charles Lawrence Newhall M 4	Lawrence Emery Newhall Mac Ellen Chamberlin	Bennington Laborer	Bennington Peterborough
Aug. 1, 1953 Peterborough	Kenneth Lawrence Gray M 3	George H. Gray Greta H. Robbins	Bennington Mason and Contractor	— Maine Winchester, Mass.
Sept. 15, 1953 Peterborough	Deborah Ann Huntington F 1	Si Iney Albert Huntington Nada Maurine Rollins	Bennington Mason	Antrim Greenfield
Sept. 27, 1953 Peterborough	Dennis Fred St. Lawrence M 1	Raymond St. Lawrence Lucy Azzola	Bennington Finisher	Hillsboro — Italy

Note: All Living. All White. I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each At Time of Marriage and Age	Birthplace of Each	Person By Whom Married
Jan. 10, 1953 Milford	Arthur F. Rockwell Barbara A. Brown	Bennington Antrim	Peterborough Malden, Mass.	Rev. Kendall B. Burgess
May 30, 1953 Greenfield	Donald L. Grant Francis E. Rockwell	Greenfield Bennington	Boston, Mass. — Maine	Rev. Joseph B. Becker
July 1, 1953	Charles A. Johnson	Hancock	Lynn, Mass.	Rev. Thomas H. Billings Algie A. Holt, Justice of the Peace
Lincock Aug. 8, 1953 Bennington	Rona M. Paige Robert J. Munzing	Bennington Boston, Mass.	Greenfield Foston, Mass.	Rev. Thomas P. Mason
Sept. 12, 1953 Bennington	Jeanne Davison Norman Bennett	Quincy, Mass. Hillsboro	Braintree, Mass. Hillsboro	Rev. Thomas P. Mason
Sept. 12, 1953 Bennington	Barbara French Peter Martel	Bennington Bennington	Nashua Bennington	Rev. Thomas P. Mason
Oct. 31, 1953 Bennington	Sally M. Bisson Edward J. Coughlin	Antrim Antrim	Boston, Mass. Concord	Rev. Thomas H. Billings
Dec. 23, 1953 Peterborough	Maxine M. Felton Robert Parker June C. Hurd	Bennington Bennington Peterborough	Bennington Antrim Nashua	Rev. James McKee

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,
DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H. for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

Date of Death 1953	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased and Age	Place of Birth Sex, Wid. or Married	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 1	Peterborough	Bertram Henry Nichols	80 M W So. Boston, Mass.	Henry Martin Nichols	Ella Eliza McCoy
Feb. 11	Peterborough	Patrick Joseph Shea	79 M M So. Hadley, Mass.	George P. Crittsinger	Mary E. Payne
Feb. 28	Peterborough	Lewis Moyer Crittsinger	72 M M Lockport, N. Y.	Unknown	Unknown
March 10	Franktown	Moses William Fournier	88 M W Sherbrooke, Can.	Lorent Derosier	Amelia Farland
March 15	Bennington	Henry Joseph Derosier	66 M M Manchester	Christopher C. Miles	Unknown
April 18	Bennington	Jesse Fred Miles	72 M M Woburn, Mass.	Michael Cody	Ellen Caughlin
Dec. 12	Bennington	Bridge Powers	82 F M Athlone, Ireland		

I certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,
DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk.

R E P O R T

of an audit and examination

of the accounts

of the

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

made by

THE DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

September 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10, 1953

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

October 14, 1953

Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of the Town of Bennington which was made by this Division, acting under authority of Chapter 82, Section 27, of the Revised Laws of New Hampshire, which provides in part as follows:

“Audit on Motion of Commission. The commission may cause an audit to be made of the accounts of any city, town, school district, village district or precinct, as often as once in two years, or whenever conditions appear to it to warrant such. *****”

This audit covered the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, and the period from January 1st to August 31st, 1953. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report which is made up in three sections as follows:

Section I —Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Section II —Period January 1st to August 31st, 1953

Section III—Ten Year Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets - December 31, 1951 - December 31, 1952: (Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein, the financial condition of the Town changed from a Surplus of \$3,337.80, to a Net Debt of \$3,374.61 during 1952.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Decrease in Surplus (Increase in Net Debt)

Long Term Notes Issued	\$9,000.00
Decrease in Cash in Officials' Hands	268.67
Cash Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	1,376.04
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	\$10,644.71

Increases in Surplus (Decreases in Net Debt)

Budget Surplus	\$2,790.30
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,142.00
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	3,932.30

Change in Financial Condition \$6,712.41

Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures - Estimated and Actual Revenues (Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$1,593.22, plus a net revenue surplus of \$1,197.08, resulted in a net budget surplus of \$2,790.30.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is indicated in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of August 31, 1953, is indicated in Exhibit O.

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness (Exhibit N)

A statement of long term indebtedness as of December 31, 1952, showing annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements, is contained in Exhibit N.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and pay-rolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes:

Table I presents a ten year statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes, covering the fiscal years of 1942 to 1952, inclusive. It is noted that during that period the Net Debt decreased from \$9,404.50 to \$3,374.61.

The assessed valuation of taxable property increased by more than one half million dollars, or 53%, while the annual tax levy increased from \$26,569.62 to \$52,890.68, or 99%. The local tax rate increased from \$2.57 to \$3.40 per hundred, compared to an increase in the average State tax rate during this period of \$3.23 to \$4.52.

Closing Accounts:

The fiscal year of towns ends on December 31st. The books and accounts of all town officers, therefore, should be closed as of December 31st. The Town Treasurer should, if necessary, hold his accounts open for a few days after the closing date in order that all receipts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk or any other fiscal officer of the Town, up to and including December 31st, may be remitted to the Treasurer and included in the Treasurer's accounts for the fiscal year.

Town Treasurer:

In the current year of 1953, the Treasurer's bank deposits exceeded the recorded receipts, as shown by the cash book, by \$599.59. This amount is indicated in Exhibit O, "Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance — Period January 1 to August 31, 1953", as Unidentified and Unrecorded Receipts."

The Treasurer should furnish the Selectmen a monthly detailed statement of receipts on the form provided for this purpose.

Town Clerk:

It is noted that the Town Clerk made only one remittance during 1952 on account of motor vehicle permits and dog licenses issued. In this connection attention is called to Section 22, Chapter 116 of the Revised Laws, which provides as follows:

"Each designated city official and town clerk shall keep an account of the money received by him for said permits and deposit the same in the city or town treasury on the last Saturday of each month, to be used for the general purposes of the city or town. Failure to deposit shall be cause for immediate removal from office. *****"

Tax Collector:

Payments on account of redemptions from tax sales should be made to the Tax Collector rather than to the Selectmen. The Collector should adopt the use of the standard form of loose leaf tax sale record book in which a complete account of each tax sale and all redemptions should be kept. Redemptions should also be recorded in the Collector's cash book.

Abatements:

All abatements should be authorized by the Board of Selectmen on the proper forms which are provided for this purpose.

Water Department:

The adoption of individual ledger sheets for water customer accounts was recommended.

Conclusion:

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1933, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual Town report. This letter of transmittal should be included in its entirety but the mention of Exhibits is optional.

We extend our thanks to the officials of the Town of Bennington for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,
HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director*,
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, *Auditor*
Edgar O. Resquera, *Accountant*

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

October 14, 1953

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bennington for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, and the period from January 1st to August 31st, 1953. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town on December 31, 1952, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, *Director*
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, *Auditor*

Edgar O. Pesquera, *Accountant*

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

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SECTION I

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

EXHIBIT A — TOWN OF BENNINGTON Comparative Balance Sheets — As of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952

ASSETS	DECEMBER 31, 1951	DECEMBER 31, 1952
<i>Cash:</i>		
In hands of Treasurer	\$16,074.71	\$2,390.49
Special Cemetery Fund (Contra)	3,579.73	1,287.41
In Hands of Officials	268.67	
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	\$19,923.11	\$3,677.90
<i>Accounts Due Town:</i>		
<i>Due from State:</i>		
Bounties		\$7.25
Yield Tax Reimbursement		29.50
<i>Other Bills Due Town:</i>		
Water Rents	105.50	117.50
Trustee of Trust Funds		1,130.00
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		1,284.25
<i>Undeemed Taxes:</i>		
Levy of 1951		97.84
<i>Uncollected Taxes:</i>		
Levy of 1952		\$14,180.60
Levy of 1951	1,758.76	4.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952		210.00
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	75.00	20.00
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	1,833.76	14,414.60
<i>Total Assets</i>	<hr/>	<hr/>
<i>Net Debt</i>	\$21,862.37	\$19,474.59
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<i>Grand Total</i>	\$21,862.37	\$22,849.20

LIABILITIES		DECEMBER 31, 1951	DECEMBER 31, 1952
<i>Unexpended Balances of Appropriations:</i>			
Town Hall Chairs		\$200.00	\$200.00
New Construction—Water Works		1,911.12	1,911.12
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		\$2,111.12	\$2,111.12
<i>Due to State:</i>			
State Head Taxes:			
Collected but not Remitted		75.00	\$1,413.65
Uncollected			210.00
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			1,623.65
<i>Due Collector:</i>			
2% Commission on Head Taxes			
Due to School District:			29.16
Balance of Appropriation		12,758.72	6,797.86
Lizzie M. Holt Cemetery Fund:			
Special Fund (Held by Selectmen) (Contra)		3,579.73	1,287.41
Outstanding Temporary Loans			2,000.00
Long Term Notes Outstanding:			
Fire Truck Notes			9,000.00
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Total Liabilities		\$18,524.57	\$22,849.20
Surplus		3,337.80	
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Grand Total		\$21,862.37	\$22,849.20

EXHIBIT B
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Analysis of Change in Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Net Debt — December 31, 1952	\$3,374.61	
Surplus — December 31, 1951	3,337.80	
Change in Financial Condition		\$6,712.41
<i>Analysis of Change</i>		
<i>Increases in Net Debt:</i>		
Long Term Notes Issued	\$9,000.00	
Decrease in Cash in Hands of Officials	268.67	
Cash Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	1,376.04	
		\$10,644.71
<i>Decreases in Net Debt:</i>		
Budget Surplus	\$2,790.30	
Increase in Accounts Receivable	1,142.00	
		3,932.30
Change in Financial Condition		\$6,712.41

EXHIBIT E
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes—Current Yr.	\$37,595.78
Poll Taxes—Current Yr.	462.00
Yield Taxes—Current Yr.	73.81
State Head Taxes—Current Yr.	1,425.00

	\$39,556.59
Property Taxes—Prior Year	1,748.16
Poll Taxes—Prior Year	14.00
State Head Taxes—Prior Year	55.00
Interest Received on Taxes	79.61
Penalties on State Head Taxes	21.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	260.25

\$41,734.61

From State:

Interest & Dividends Tax	\$1,262.19
Railroad Tax	167.09
Savings Bank Tax	156.84
Reimbursement a/c Town Truck	457.80
Fighting Forest Fires	37.51

2,081.43

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	\$145.50
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	34.00
Rent of Town Property	131.50
Rent of Town Truck	1,047.00
Income from Municipal Water Dept.	2,501.54
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,268.86
Forest Fire Reimbursement	129.50

5,257.90

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Temporary Loans	\$17,000.00
Long Term Notes	9,000.00

Refunds & Reimbursements:

Telephone Reimbursement	\$75.21
Repairs & Damages	14.33
Miscellaneous	4.50

94.04

School Tax

3.78

26,097.82

Total Receipts

\$75,171.76

Balance—January 1, 1952

16,074.71

Grand Total

\$91,246.47

EXHIBIT C — TOWN OF BENNINGTON Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures — Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	Liabilities Carried From 1951	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexp'd. Balances	Over'd'n.	Assets Liab.
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$
Town Officers' Salaries		\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$1,220.00	\$180.00		
Town Clerk's Fees		135.00		135.00	192.00	3.00		
Town Officers' Expenses		1,600.00	75.21	1,675.21	1,343.65	331.56		
Election & Registration Expenses		325.00		325.00	390.74		65.74	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings		1,800.00		1,800.00	1,728.70	71.30		200.00
Town Hall Chairs	200.00			200.00				
Police Department		600.00		600.00	469.69	130.31		
Fire Department		1,800.00	167.01	1,967.01	1,991.12		24.11	
Routinies					7.25			7.25
Health Department		700.00		700.00	407.72	292.28		
Vital Statistics		13.50		13.50	14.00		.50	
Town Road Aid		182.73		182.73	182.73			
Town Maintenance—Summer		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,921.49		921.49	
Town Maintenance—Winter		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,095.74	404.26		
Tarring		1,500.00		1,500.00	384.30	1,115.70		
Town Truck		700.00		700.00	1,395.47		605.47	

General Expense of Highway Dept	700.00	700.00	665.39	34.61	
Street Lighting	1,550.00	1,550.00	1,156.30	393.70	
Library	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	2,000.00	1,350.36	649.64	
Town Poor	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,353.75	1,146.25	
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Old Home Day	600.00	600.00	312.79	312.79	
Parks & Playgrounds	2,300.00	2,300.00	299.28	300.72	
Water Department	150.00	150.00	3,320.94	1,020.94	
Cemeteries	133.00	133.00	608.31	458.31	
Advertising & Regional Associations	380.00	380.00	133.00	133.00	
Interest	900.00	900.00	133.29	246.71	
Lake	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.29	149.71	
New Fire Truck	900.00	900.00	10,000.00	50.00	
Fire Hose	1,500.00	1,500.00	850.00		
Sidewalk Construction	7,205.68	7,205.68	1,500.00		
County Tax	21,797.86	34,556.58	7,205.68		
School Tax	12,758.72	29,758.72	34,556.58		
Overlay	754.22	754.22	1,204.40		
Temporary Loans		17,000.00	15,000.00	450.18	
Damage by Dogs			20.00	20.00	
State Head Taxes & Penalties		1,501.00	75.19	17.00	
Refund			10.00	10.00	
New Construction—Water Works	1,911.12	1,911.12			
	\$14,869.84	\$61,026.99	\$27,743.22	\$103,640.05	\$89,702.29
				\$5,199.75	\$83,906.53
					\$7.25
					\$12,351.79

EXHIBIT D — TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual

Revenues Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

SOURCE	REVENUES		
	<i>Estimated</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Excess</i> <i>Deficit</i>
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$1,256.22	\$1,262.19	\$5.97
Railroad Tax	161.80	167.09	5.29
Savings Bank Tax	150.14	156.84	6.70
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood & Timber	663.31	*663.31	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,000.00	1,268.86	268.86
Dog Licenses	170.80	145.50	25.30
Business Licenses & Permits	58.00	34.00	24.00
Rent of Town Property & Equipment	1,200.00	1,504.80	304.80
Water Department Income	2,000.00	2,501.54	501.54
Rent of Town Hall	100.00	131.50	31.50
Cash Surplus	1,376.04	1,376.04	
Interest on Taxes		79.61	79.61
School Tax		3.78	3.78
Miscellaneous Refunds & Reimbursement		18.83	18.83
Deficiency of Taxes Committed Under Budgetary Requirements			
Added Taxes	33.90	33.40	33.90
Totals	\$8,170.21	\$9,307.29	\$1,280.28
			\$83.20

*Yield Taxes Assessed	\$633.81
Reimbursement Due from State	29.50
	<u>\$663.31</u>

BUDGET SUMMARY

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	\$5,499.75
Overdrafts of Appropriations	3,906.53
	<u>\$1,593.22</u>
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations	
Actual Revenues	\$9,367.29
Estimated Revenues	8,170.21
	<u>1,197.08</u>
Revenue Surplus	
Budget Surplus	<u>\$2,790.30</u>

EXHIBIT E (Continued)

<i>Expenditures</i>		
<i>General Government:</i>		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$1,220.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	132.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	1,343.65	
Election & Registration	390.74	
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	1,728.70	
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		\$4,815.09
<i>Protection of Persons & Property:</i>		
Police Department	\$469.69	
Fire Department	1,991.12	
Bounties	7.25	
Damage by Dogs	20.00	
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		2,488.06
<i>Health:</i>		
Health Department	\$407.72	
Vital Statistics	14.00	
		<hr/>
		421.72
<i>Highways & Bridges:</i>		
Town Road Aid	\$182.73	
<i>Town Maintenance:</i>		
Summer	\$3,921.49	
Winter	2,095.74	
Tarring	384.30	
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		6,401.53
Town Truck	1,305.47	
Street Lighting	1,156.30	
General Expense of Highway Department	665.39	
		<hr/>
		9,711.42
<i>Library</i>		
		200.00
<i>Public Welfare:</i>		
Old Age Assistance	\$1,350.36	
Town Poor	1,353.75	
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		2,704.11
<i>Patriotic Purposes:</i>		
Memorial Day	\$200.00	
Old Home Day	312.79	
		512.79
<i>Recreation:</i>		
Parks & Playgrounds		299.08

EXHIBIT E (Continued)

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Public Service Enterprises:

Water Department	\$3,320.94
Cemeteries	608.31

\$3,929.25

Unclassified:

Advertising, Regional Association	\$133.00
Taxes Bought by Town	358.09
Refund — Overpayment	10.00
Lake — Special Appropriation	750.29

1,251.38

Interest

133.29

New Construction & Improvements:

Sidewalk Construction	\$1,500.00
New Fire Truck	10,000.00
Fire Hose	850.00

12,350.00

Indebtedness:

Temporary Loans	15,000.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Head Taxes	\$75.19
County Tax	7,205.68

School District:

1951-52 Appropriation	\$12,758.72
1952-53 Appropriation	15,000.00

27,758.72

35,039.59

Total Expenditures	\$88,855.98
Balance — December 31, 1952	2,390.49

Grand Total \$91,246.47

EXHIBIT F

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Balance — January 1, 1952	\$16,074.71	
Receipts During Year	75,171.76	
		\$91,246.47
Expenditures During Year		88,855.98
Balance — December 31, 1952		\$2,390.49

Proof of Balance

Balance in the First National Bank of Hills-			
Borough — As Per Statement of January 29,			
1953			\$2,392.27
Less: Checks Outstanding — No. 40	\$17.30		
	356	122.54	
	357	50.50	
	362	10.50	
			\$200.84
			\$2,191.43
Add: Deposit of February 4, 1953		199.06	
Reconciled Balance			\$2,390.49

EXHIBIT G
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
 Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1952
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$52,360.78
Poll Taxes	496.00
Yield Taxes	633.81
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	\$53,490.59

Added Taxes:

Poll Taxes	26.00
Interest	13.04
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Total Debits	\$53,529.63
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Property Taxes	\$37,595.78
A/c Poll Taxes	462.00
A/c Yield Taxes	73.81
A/c Interest	13.04
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	\$38,144.63
Discounts Allowed	221.30
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	\$38,365.93

Abatements Allowed:

Property Taxes	983.10
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Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$13,560.60
Poll Taxes	60.00
Yield Taxes	560.00
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	14,180.60

Total Credits	\$53,529.63
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EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Warrant — Levy of 1951
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

DEBITS		
<i>Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1951:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$1,740.76	
Poll Taxes	18.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,758.76
<i>Added Taxes:</i>		
Property Taxes		7.40
Interest		63.72
		<hr/>
Total Debits		\$1,829.88
CREDITS		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>		
Property Taxes	\$1,748.16	
Poll Taxes	14.00	
Interest	63.72	
	<hr/>	\$1,825.88
<i>Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:</i>		
Poll Taxes		4.00
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Total Credits		\$1,829.88

EXHIBIT I
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Warrants—State Head Taxes
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	<i>Levies of:</i>	
DEBITS	1951	1952
Committed to Collector		\$1,585.00
Uncollected—Dec. 31, 1951	\$75.00	
Added Taxes		50.00
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	\$75.00	\$1,635.00
Head Tax Penalties	3.50	17.50
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Total Debits	\$78.50	\$1,652.50
CREDITS		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>		
State Head Taxes	\$55.00	\$1,425.00
Penalties	3.50	17.50
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	\$58.50	\$1,442.50
<i>Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:</i>		
State Head Taxes	20.00	210.00
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Total Credits	\$78.50	\$1,652.50

EXHIBIT J
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Tax Sale Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Debits

Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1952	\$
Tax Sale - September 27, 1952 (Levy of 1951)	203.52
Subsequent Taxes Paid by Town	154.57
Interest Collected	2.85
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	\$360.94

Credits

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Redemptions	\$260.25	
A/c Interest	2.85	
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		\$263.10
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1952		97.84
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		\$360.94

EXHIBIT L
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Water Accounts Receivable
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Cash on Hand—January 1, 1952	\$268.67	
Uncollected Water Rents—Jan. 1, '52	105.50	
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		\$374.17
Billings During Year		2,244.87
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		\$2,619.04
Remittances to Treasurer		2,501.54
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Uncollected Water Rents—December 31, 1952		\$117.50

EXHIBIT K
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
 Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and Dog
 License Accounts
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

DEBITS	
<i>Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:</i>	
1951—Nos. 10659—10665	\$15.61
1952—Nos. 10451—10713	1,253.15
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	\$1,268.76
<i>Dog Licenses Issued:</i>	
8 @ \$5.00	\$40.00
60 @ \$2.00	120.00
3 @ \$2.50	7.50
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	\$167.50
Less: Fees Retained 71 @ 20c	14.20
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	153.30
Filing Fees	24.00
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	\$1,446.06
CREDITS	
<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>	
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,268.86
Dog Licenses	145.50
Filing Fees	24.00
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	\$1,438.36
Dog Book & Tags Purchased	7.80
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	\$1,446.16
Less: Excess Remittance a/c Motor Vehicle Permits	.10
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	\$1,446.06

EXHIBIT N **TOWN OF BENNINGTON**

Statement of Long Term Indebtedness, Showing Annual Maturities of Principal and Interest Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	<i>Fire Truck Notes</i>
	<i>2%</i>
Amount of Original Issue	\$9,000.00
Date of Original Issue	December 15, 1952
Principal Payable Date	December 15th
Interest Payable Dates	June 15th & December 15th
Payable At	First Nat. Bank of Hillsborough

<i>Maturities—Fiscal Year Ending:</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
December 31, 1953	\$1,000.00	\$180.00
December 31, 1954	1,000.00	160.00
December 31, 1955	1,000.00	140.00
December 31, 1956	1,000.00	120.00
December 31, 1957	1,000.00	100.00
December 31, 1958	1,000.00	80.00
December 31, 1959	1,000.00	60.00
December 31, 1960	1,000.00	40.00
December 31, 1961	1,000.00	20.00
	<hr/> \$9,000.00	<hr/> \$900.00

EXHIBIT M — TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments — Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			
	Balance January 1, 1952	Additions During Year	Balance December 31, 1952	Balance January 1, 1952	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1952
Library Funds	\$37,436.16	\$	\$37,436.16	\$	\$1,053.63	\$736.86	\$37,734.93
Evergreen Cemetery Funds	2,100.00		2,100.00	520.94	76.98		2,697.92
Mount Calvary Cemetery Funds	425.00		425.00	28.65	11.74		465.39
Sunnyside Cemetery Funds	8,017.11	200.00	8,217.11	1,417.57	322.81	2.50	9,954.99
Community Fund (Christmas Tree)	327.85		327.85	79.65	8.14		415.64
	\$48,306.12	\$200.00	\$48,506.12	\$2,046.81	\$1,475.30	\$759.36	\$51,268.87

Investments

New Hampshire Savings Bank	\$7,296.09
Amoskeag Savings Bank	6,228.14
Union Trust Company	5,978.66
Manchester Savings Bank	5,765.80
Mechanicks Savings Bank	5,138.43
Hillsborough County Savings Bank	5,151.13
Merrimack County Savings Bank	5,000.00
Loan & Trust Savings Bank	5,000.00
Peterborough Savings Bank	3,347.89
Hillsborough Guaranty Savings Bank	2,362.73

\$51,268.87

SECTION II

Period January 1 to August 31, 1953

EXHIBIT O-1

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Schedule of Treasurer's Checks Outstanding

As of August 31, 1953

<i>Check Number</i>	<i>Amount</i>
No. 40	\$ 17.30
635	60.00
648	61.97
649	67.00
650	5.99
652	3.00
654	40.95
655	50.00
656	25.00
657	134.88
658	24.00
659	23.33
660	30.04
661	5.05
662	132.00
663	60.05
664	57.50
665	3.50
666	44.00
667	20.00
668	50.00
669	139.50
670	64.00
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	\$1,119.06

EXHIBIT O

Summary of Treasurer's Account and Proof of Balance Period January 1 to August 31, 1953

Balance — January 1, 1953	\$2,390.49	
<i>Receipts During Period:</i>		
Classified Receipts Per Treasurer's		
Cash Book	\$30,170.81	
Unidentified & Unrecorded Receipts	599.59	
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		30,770.40
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		\$33,160.89
Expenditures During Period		29,571.25
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Balance — August 31, 1953		\$3,589.64
<i>Proof of Balance</i>		
Balance in the First National Bank of Hills- borough — As Per Statement of August 31, 1953		\$4,708.70
Less: Checks Outstanding		1,119.06
		<hr/>
Reconciled Balance		\$3,589.64

EXHIBIT Q

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Summary of Warrants—State Head Taxes Period January 1 to August 31, 1953

	<i>Levies of:</i>	
DEBITS	1951	1952
<i>Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:</i>		
State Head Taxes	\$20.00	\$210.00
Penalties		12.50
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Total Debits	\$20.00	\$222.50
CREDITS		
<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>		
A/c State Head Taxes	\$110.00	
A/c Penalties	11.00	
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		\$121.00
<i>Uncollected Taxes—August 31, 1953:</i>		
State Head Taxes	\$20.00	\$85.00
<i>Cash on Hand—August 31, 1953:</i>		
A/c State Head Taxes		15.00
A/c Penalties		1.50
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		101.50
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Total Credits	\$20.00	\$222.50

EXHIBIT P

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

Summary of Warrant—Levy of 1952 Period January 1 to August 31, 1953

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes—December 31, 1952:

Property Taxes	\$13,560.60
Poll Taxes	60.00
Yield Taxes	560.00

\$14,180.60

Interest Collected 255.32

Total Debits \$14,435.92

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:

A/c Property Taxes	\$12,629.00
A/c Poll Taxes	30.00
A/c Yield Taxes	560.00
A/c Interest	236.06

\$13,455.06

Uncollected Taxes—August 31, 1953:

Property Taxes	\$576.30
Poll Taxes	28.00

604.30

Cash on Hand—August 31, 1953:

A/c Property Taxes	\$355.30
A/c Poll Taxes	2.00
A/c Interest	19.26

376.56

Total Credits \$14,435.92

EXHIBIT R
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Summary of Town Clerk's Motor Vehicle and
Dog License Accounts
Period January 1 to September 9, 1953

DEBITS

<i>Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:</i>		
1952—Nos. 10714—10719	\$3.84	
1953—Nos. 11301—11367	1,254.61	
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		\$1,258.45
<i>Dog Licenses Issued:</i>		
10 @ \$5.00	\$50.00	
52 @ \$2.00	104.00	
		<hr/>
	\$154.00	
Less: Fees Retained — 62 @ 20c	12.40	
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		141.60
Filing Fees		18.00
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		\$1,418.05

CREDITS

<i>Remittances to Treasurer:</i>		
Motor Vehicle Permits	\$1,195.51	
Dog Licenses	42.60	
Filing Fees	18.00	
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		\$1,256.11
1952 Excess Credit	.10	
Dog Book & Tags Purchased	7.80	
Cash on Hand—September 9, 1953:		
<i>Town Clerk:</i>		
A/c Motor Vehicle		
Permits	\$62.84	
A/c Dog Licenses	15.20	
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		\$78.04
Dog Officer—A/c Dog Licenses	76.00	
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		154.04
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		\$1,418.05

EXHIBIT S

Summary of Water Accounts Receivable Period January 1 to September 9, 1953

Uncollected Water Rents—January 1, 1953	117.50
Billings During Period	\$1,206.04
Miscellaneous Sales	35.51
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	1,241.55
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Remittances to Treasurer	\$1,359.05
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Cash on Hand—September 9, 1953	90.63
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	712.55
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Uncollected Water Rents—September 9, 1953	\$646.50

EXHIBIT T
TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Schedule of Town Officers' Surety Bonds
Fiscal Year 1953

<i>Coverage</i>	Bond Number	Amount	Term Beginning
<i>Treasurer:</i>			
Arthur F. Bell			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	24200096-D	\$10,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Tax Collector:</i>			
James H. Balch			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	24200095-D	8,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Town Clerk:</i>			
Donald A. Powers			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	2420100-D	1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Road Agents:</i>			
Herbert A. Curtis			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	24200098-D	1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Constable:</i>			
Frank Chiesa			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	2517093-C	1,000.00	March 10, 1953
<i>Trustees of Trust Funds:</i>			
John P. Weston			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	2626007	8,500.00	March 10, 1953
Frederick S. Sheldon			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	2657340-A	8,500.00	March 10, 1953
Philip E. Knowles			
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co.	2420101-A	8,500.00	March 11, 1952
(With Rider)			

SECTION III

Statistical Table

TABLE I — TOWN OF BENNINGTON
Statement of Indebtedness, Valuation and Taxes—Ten Year Period

Fiscal Year Ended:	Tax Anticipation Notes Outstanding	Long Term Notes	Net Debt or (*) Surplus	Assessed Valuation	Taxes Assessed	Uncollected Taxes	Undeclared Taxes	Local Tax Rate Per \$100.00	Average State Tax Rate Per \$100.00
January 31, 1943	\$	\$10,000.00	\$9,404.50	\$1,006,989.00	\$26,569.62	\$303.10	\$108.76	\$2.57	3.23
January 31, 1944		9,000.00	7,493.93					2.18	3.03
December 31, 1944		7,000.00	3,121.79	1,003,616.00	25,590.40	144.03		2.50	3.07
December 31, 1945		7,000.00	3,121.79	985,885.00	25,905.13	218.12		2.50	3.26
December 31, 1946		6,000.00	3,064.40	1,000,527.00	27,572.23	278.81	46.42	2.70	3.47
December 31, 1947		8,600.00	7,048.09	1,033,423.00	34,809.64	565.80	80.00	3.32	3.71
December 31, 1948		6,700.00	1,909.80	1,130,580.00	40,116.30	628.14	65.90	3.50	4.06
December 31, 1949		4,800.00	1,793.90	1,211,097.00	42,282.85	1,017.48		3.45	4.31
December 31, 1950		2,900.00	*3,236.37	1,255,193.00	52,388.70	2,170.52		4.20	4.51
December 31, 1951			*3,337.80	1,339,524.00	50,048.39	1,758.76		3.70	4.55
December 31, 1952	2,090.00	9,000.00	3,374.61	1,511,020.00	52,890.68	14,204.60	97.84	3.40	4.52



